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For : HEATING DEVICE AND FUSER UTILIZING ELECTROMAGNETIC
INDUCTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-22206, which is dated January 23, 1996. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,552,582 to ABE et al., which issued on September 3, 1996;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-313162, which was published on November 9, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-221864, which was published on August 9, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-016006, which was published on January 17, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-297462, which was published on October 29, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-295414, which was published on November 10, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-074007, which was published on March 17, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-188430, which was published on July 10, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents and abstracts are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/386,196 to SHIMIZU et al., entitled "Heating Device Using Electromagnetic Induction and Fuser," which was filed on March 11, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/779,615 to ASAKURA et al., entitled "Image Heating Device," which was filed on February 18, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/757,988 to MONDA et al., entitled "Heat Generating Apparatus Using Electromagnetic Induction," which was filed on January 16, 2004; and


U.S. Patent Application No. 10/765,918 to NONAKA et al., entitled "Electric Power Apparatus, Electromagnetic Induction Fixing Apparatus and Image Forming Apparatus Using the Same," which was filed on January 29, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrappers of these patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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